

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-noted amendments are respectfully submitted in response to the official action of February 4, 2005, and the advisory action of April 27, 2005. Initially, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 26-44, as well as the Examiner's indication of allowability for claims 3, 4, 8-10, 14-20 and 25. With respect to the above amendments, it is first noted that amended claim 1 is intended to substantially correspond to prior claim 3. Furthermore, new claim 45 is intended to substantially correspond to prior claim 14, new claim 51 is intended to substantially correspond to prior claim 20 and new claim 52 is intended to substantially correspond to prior claim 25. Thus, it would appear to be clear that at least new claims 45-52 are also in condition for allowance, i.e., along with claims 1 and 4-44.

Claims 1-7 and 21-23 have been rejected as being anticipated by *Gelzer*, and claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11-13, and 21-24 have been rejected as being unpatentable over *Gelzer* in view of *Patin*. However, in view of the Examiner's agreement that all of these claims are now in condition for allowance, detailed discussion of these references is no longer deemed to be necessary or appropriate at this time. It is thus believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is therefore respectfully solicited. All of the rejections set forth in the official action have thus been fully overcome, and therefore favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with

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this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge
Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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